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## SUITS PREPARED BY GOVERNMENT

### IN CONNECTION WITH CAMP CONSTRUCTION—CIVIL ACTIONS IN UNITED STATES COURTS WILL SEEK TO RECOVER MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

Washington, Dec. 2.—Additional civil suits, involving \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 which the government hopes to recover for alleged overcharges and waste in connection with the construction of certain army cantonments during the war are being prepared by the department of justice and, it was understood today, probably will be filed within ten days.

The first of the department's civil suits against war camp contractors were filed last week, and it was understood that they were forerunners of other actions. It also was indicated that criminal proceedings were possible.

The actions brought last week involved the construction of camps Upton, Sherman, Jackson and Funston and sought the recovery from the involved constructing companies of more than \$20,000,000. Cantonments built during the war cost the government a total of \$208,000,000 and it is said Attorney Daugherty hopes to recover between \$60,000,000 and \$80,000,000 as overcharges.

Preparation of the civil suits have been under direction of Roscoe C. McCulloch, a special assistant to the attorney general, who as a member of a special house committee made an extensive investigation several years ago of alleged war frauds, particularly those relating to army camp construction.

During the past week Mr. McCulloch, with a corps of assistants, has been before a special federal grand jury called into session here to consider alleged war time frauds.

No information has been obtainable either from Mr. McCulloch or the attorney general as to the nature of the evidence being presented to the grand jury here but it has been strongly indicated recently at the department of justice that Mr. Daugherty was determined to make an exhaustive investigation of alleged war frauds with a view to criminal action as well as civil suits against alleged offenders.

### KNOWN IN ABBEVILLE.

Miss Julia D. Charles of Greenville who is the first woman to argue a case before the Supreme Court, is well known in Abbeville, having taught here during the Superintendency of Prof. L. W. Dick. She is also the daughter of J. D. Charles, who is remembered by the survivors of Orr's Regiment.

### HOME AGAIN

Major and Mrs. J. D. Fulp and the two boys returned to the city Sunday night after a Thanksgiving visit to home folks at Fort Mill. "Mary" Neuffer, the mascot of the football team was the guest of the Major and enjoyed side trips to Rock Hill and Charlotte.

### Car Struck Autun Bridge.

Pendleton Dec. 2.—A unnamed Tarrant, driving a big Anderson car from Greenwood, to spend the day with Mr. John Long's family struck the Autun bridge and turned his car over. It was badly damaged and had to be hauled in by Mr. Harry Sloan.

### IN GREENVILLE.

Mrs. E. W. Gregory and the Misses Gregory, Mrs. Alice Guy, Mrs. Carter and Miss Ellen Nabers made up a pleasant party and spent Saturday in Greenville.

## NEGROES MIGRATING IN LARGE NUMBERS

### Going Largely to Industrial Centers—Leaving From All Cotton Growing States.

Cleveland, Dec. 2.—Another migration of negroes from the south to the industrial cities of the north is believed to be under way. During the last few weeks many negroes from Georgia and Alabama have gone to work in Youngstown, and Pittsburgh steel mills, according to advices received here while hundreds have obtained employment in Cleveland.

According to William R. Connors executive secretary of the Negro Welfare association, 1,387 negroes from outside the city have registered for employment during the last few months. Some of these returned to their old homes during the recent depression but most of them had left the south for the first time.

"They are leaving Atlanta for the north by the carloads" Connors said. Between 500 and 1,000 obtained employment at the Carnegie Steel company at Youngstown and a smaller number at the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company, advices state. Hundreds have gone into the Connellsville field since the middle of the summer.

### TODAY'S SALES

#### The Master and Judge of Probate Sell Several Tracts of Land.

The sales made today by the Master and by the Judge of Probate were well attended and the following tracts were sold:

By the master—In the case of Walker and Walker against Carwile and others, tract No. 1, 100 hundred acres sold to D. P. Walker for \$7,500. Tract No. 2, 103 1/2 acres to D. P. Walker for \$2,000. Tract No. 3, 102 acres to John J. Walker for \$3,000. Tract No. 4, 47 acres to D. P. Walker for \$725. Tract No. 5, 200 acres to D. P. Walker for \$3,650.

In the case of S. E. Nickles, Alex Cunningham 52 acres to J. M. Nickles, attorney, \$650.

Lee and Blake against Augustus H. Miller and others, 274 1-4 acres sold to Lee and Blake for \$2500.

R. C. Philson against Lucius C. Foster and others, 27 acres to R. C. Philson \$555.

In the Probate Judges office sale was made in the case of the estate of L. B. Ramey of 132 acres to J. Howard Moore, attorney, for \$1,000.

### CHANGED PROGRAM.

The county Demonstrators have changed the time for the lessons in the cutting and curing of meats Mr. Herman will arrive on Tuesday, and the first demonstration will be held at Dr. P. B. Carwiles at 3 o'clock Tuesday. The second will be held Wednesday morning at 9:30 at the home of E. H. Richey, and the third at the home of Mrs. Lena Dickson at Brownlee at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Everybody is invited to attend.

### COLUMBIA VISITORS

Mrs. M. A. Bookman, Miss May and Miss Salome Bookman, Mr. Gus Phillips and Miss Elizabeth Phillips came up from Columbia Saturday and stayed over Sunday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harris. They made the trip through the country.

### PRESIDING ELDER GRAVES

Rev. J. H. Graves was made a presiding Elder at the meeting of the Methodist Conference just closed at Marion and has been assigned to the Orangeburg District.

Rev. Graves was born and reared in Abbeville and everyone is glad of his promotion.

### Sick With Flu.

Miss Jeanie White is sick with flu at her home on Greenville street. She is greatly missed by her class at school.

## RAILWAYS FACE BITTER WARFARE

### HOOPER SEES INFLUENCES AT WORK—LABOR BOARD CHAIRMAN CHARGES EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—Ben W. Hooper, chairman of the railroad labor board, in a speech before the Illinois Bar association here tonight charged that many railway union leaders are waging warfare against the roads with the purpose of destroying the industry and forwarding political campaign for government ownership.

"A large portion of the union magazines which reach me contain bitter attacks on the railroads, their managements and their policies," he said, "These criticisms are not confined to matters of direct controversy between the roads and the employees but they cover every ground of attack that might be made by those outside of railroad employment.

"Nothing is left unsaid that seems to be calculated to stir up hatred among the employees and distrust and hostility among the people. Railroad labor organizations are largely committed to the Plumb plan of railroad operation which is government ownership, with private operation in which the employees shall participate managerially and share the profits financially. If there should be losses instead of profits the owners, that is the people, would dig up taxes to pay the deficit."

In their efforts to further government ownership employees are opposed to the transportation act and the railroad labor board he said because they feel that the adjustment of wages and working conditions and the gradual but certain reduction of freight rates under that act will conduct the postponement of government ownership. He continued.

"In the political program of the labor leaders, two definite demands are made. First that the injunctive powers exercised by the courts in connection with strikes be withdrawn or greatly limited and second that the constitution be so amended that congress can set aside the decision of the federal court which pronounces an act of congress unconstitutional.

"The pernicious doctrine that the courts are dominated by the rich and powerful is fed to an element of people who by reason of deficient training and highly sensitized class-consciousness are peculiarly susceptible to its baleful influence.

### PUBLIC SCHOOL MONEY

#### Payment Made Possible by Action of Budget Commission.

The sum of \$55,136 was paid out Friday by J. E. Swearinen, state superintendent of education, to the schools of the state running seven months under the equalizing law.

This payment was made possible, according to a statement given out by the department, by the action of the budget commission in transferring to this account the unexpended balance of the rural graded school fund, \$3,500, and the unexpended balance of the term extension fund, \$51,636.

Abbeville county gets \$661, Anderson \$1,958, Greenwood \$29.

### TO ERECT MONUMENT.

The Daughters of the Confederacy of Abbeville have undertaken the erection of a monument on Magazine street to commemorate the first meeting held urging the State to secede. Mrs. Frank W. Wilson is making an appeal to the chapters over the state for aid in the project.

## PROGRESS MADE AT CONFERENCE

### LAUSANNE DEVELOPMENTS PLEASE UNITED STATES.—ACHIEVEMENTS OF AMERICAN DELEGATES WILL SURPASS IMAGINATION

Washington, Dec. 2.—The administration believes that the achievements of the American delegates at the Lausanne near East peace conference will surpass the imagination, it was made known at the White House today in connection with a statement on behalf of President that confidential reports showed so far everything is "going along fine" and most acceptably.

America "is not without her proper influence at Lausanne," in the view of the administration. The United States it was declared also desires to be healthful at the conference although this government "or at least this administration had nothing to do with the Near East situation or what brought it about.

At the same time it was declared that the American government does not believe any action or non-action on its part has had any effect on the situation in Greece. This statement was made on behalf of the executive as the result of a letter he has received from Paxton Hibben, son of the president of Princeton university, who is now in this country after a residence of several years in the Near East. Although no further comment was made at the White House on the letter, it is understood that Mr. Hibben took the position that if the United States had recognized the Constantine government subsequent events, such as the execution of former cabinet ministers, would never have occurred.

Lausanne, Dec. 2.—George Chicherin, the Russian Soviet foreign minister. Mr. Mdivany, member of the presidential council of the federation of Caucasian republic and their trial stained complaints reached Lausanne tonight, worn out by six days on trains between Moscow and Switzerland. The railway station was closed and more guards surrounded the Bolshevik envoys as they made their way to the waiting automobiles than Lausanne had been asked to muster for all the other delegates combined.

The Russians were indignant that their request for full participation in the conference has not been granted but despite this it is generally believed that Chicherin will attend Monday's session.

### SHOOTING IN DUE WEST

#### Willie Roper, Colored, Killed Wesley Jenkins Sunday Evening.

Willie Roper, a Georgia negro, who has been working in Due West this fall shot and killed Wesley Jenkins, also colored, Sunday evening about 7:30. Jenkins was shot thru the heart, from the back. The shooting occurred on the Main street near the old Dr. Lindsay house and created much excitement in the city.

Willie's story is that he has been married three weeks and that he did not like Wesley's attentions to his bride. When they met Roper told Jenkins "you have been going with my wife and you must quit." Jenkins got out of his buggy and started to run when Roper opened fire.

Sheriff McLane and his deputies went up and brought Roper to the jail.

The deputies have been phoned to come to Due West this afternoon and it is possible there will be further developments.

### Substituting.

Mrs. D. S. Sullivan is substituting this week at the high school for Miss Edna Bradley who is sick with grip.

## BANDITS IN TEXAS SET A TOWN ON FIRE

### And Then Proceeded to Rob Post-office—Posse Captures Two of The Bandits.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 2.—First setting fire to the business district, bandits robben the post-office at Brownfield, Terry county, of currency, silver and stamps, yesterday noon, according to information received here today.

While the fire spread, the bandits battered their way into the postoffice, smashed the cash drawer and then fled as citizens assembled to fight the flames.

Later a posse overtook the bandits and captured two of them. Much of the money was recovered. This is the second time recently in which the business district of the town has been set on fire by bandits. The fire loss will be small.

### COOKING CLASSES

#### Will Be Held All This Week at the Community House.

Cooking classes will be held at the Community House this week for the benefit of the people of the Abbeville Mill and their friends. The makers of Snowdrift and Wesson Oil are extending the invitations and the lessons will embrace the preparation of plain and fancy dishes. Classes will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 in the evening and a pleasant and profitable time is promised all who attend. There will be no charges for these lessons and the housekeepers of the city are invited to attend.

### FIRE IN ELBERTON CAUSES \$1,000,000 DAMAGE

Elberton, Ga., Dec. 2.—Several women and children were trapped by fire on the second story of the Herndon building occupying half a city block late this afternoon. The store was crowded at the time. Women leaped from the second story windows and in some instances dropped their children to the ground before leaping. Firemen caught one child that was dropped. The Herndon drug store and M. F. Maxwell and company general merchandise occupy the building. The entire structure was destroyed the total loss being estimated at \$1,000,000. No one was injured.

### WILL INVESTIGATE THE COTTON SITUATION

#### Smith's Resolution To Be Called to Commission's Attention.

Washington Dec. 2.—The senate committee on agriculture today instructed its chairman to bring to the attention of the federal trade commission a resolution introduced by Senator E. D. Smith of South Carolina calling for an investigation of the cotton situation.

All matters involving supply demand and marketing and the ascertainment whether or not methods are being employed to restrain the operation of the lay of supply and demand are included in the resolution.

The commission has just completed an investigation of the cotton situation under authority of a resolution by Senator N. B. Dial of South Carolina. Its report is daily expected by the senate.

### AMONG FRIENDS.

Miss Ruth Harris and Miss Jennie Orr Harris, the pretty debutante daughters of Mr. W. S. Harris of Union, were over Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Joe Thornton. These young ladies lived in Abbeville at one time and their young friends were glad to see them again.

### Passing Through.

Leonard Dick spent Thursday night and part of Friday in the city with Mrs. W. H. White. Leonard is at Davidson College this year and came down from Greenville after the game of football.

## WAR MAY DEVELOP WITHIN TWO YEARS

### SO SAYS BORAH IN BOSTON ADDRESS—ADVANCE OF AMERICAN FLAG IN HALL CAUSES NEAR RIOT AT CLOSE. PLEADS FOR RUSSIA.

Boston, Dec. 3.—Within two years owing to the Near East situation, there may be another great war, Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, said in an address here last night in Symphony hall. His subject was "The Recognition of Russia," and he advocated that step by the United States as a means of averting another European conflagration.

At the close of the senator's address, the police guard at the hall was called on to prevent a riot when a questioner, who said his name was MacDonald, and that he was a World war veteran, mounted the stage. Amid shouts of "put him out," Senator Borah insisted that the questioner be heard.

"Why is there no American flag displayed here?" MacDonald asked. Turmoil broke out afresh and many rushed for the stage to eject the stranger. Police intervened to project him and the incident closed.

Senator Borah said, when peace was restored, that wherever he appeared to speak there were "American principles if not the flag."

Calling for unqualified recognition of the present government of Russia, Senator Borah told the crowd that filled the hall that the recognition of a government did not necessarily carry approval of that country's institutions.

"Just as we eliminate suspicion and fear of other nations we shall return to conditions of peace," Senator Borah said. "Every conference in Europe since the end of the World war has revolved about the Russian question. Within two years the Near East situation is likely to bring about another war. It is up to the people of the United States, whose boys will be called on to fight in this war, to protest against the present policies at Washington in failing to try to avert such a catastrophe."

Two resolutions were adopted also unanimously by the audience. One proposed by Prof. Charles Skinner of Tufts college, called upon the president and secretary of state to provide for the restoration of trade relations with Russia. The other, presented by John Dodman of Boston, urged congress to recognize the Russian Soviet government.

### GETTING FAMOUS.

Townsend Smith, the lively young son of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Smith, joined the band of famous boys around town Sunday by having his tonsils removed. The little fellow stood the ordeal well and is now in a position to talk about "my operation" along with the best of them. Dr. Davis of Augusta was here for the operation.

### ORDERS EXTRA TERM

#### Special Session to Be Held in Greenville Next Week.

Anderson, Dec. 2.—Due to one of the heaviest dockets in the history of the court, a special train of federal court was this morning ordered by Judge H. H. Watkins, on the recommendation of Ernest F. Cochran, district attorney to be convened in Greenville Monday, January 8, 1923, at 3 p. m. announced this morning.

### COTTON MARKET.

Cotton brought 25 1/2 on the local market today. Futures closed  
Dec. ----- 24.89  
Jan. ----- 24.91  
March ----- 24.96  
May ----- 24.84  
July ----- 24.60